GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRIAL USE OF FOREST LAND BY L & T CEMENT COMPANY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Cement Companies including M/s. L & T Cement Company Ltd. now known as M/s. Ultra Tech Cement Company Limited have been using reserved forest lands for their industrial purpose;

(b) if so, whether any representations have been made by the land owners in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Central Government have granted permission to use forest lands for mining and industrial use under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in favour of many Cement Companies in various States, including M/s. L & T Cement Company Ltd. now known as M/s. Ultra Tech Cement Company Limited.

(b) to (d) Central Government grants permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, only on Government forest lands, on receipt of recommendations from the respective State / UT Governments. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is not applicable on private lands.